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SUBJECT: NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS

REF: (A) NICOSIA 2155; (B) NICOSIA 2154; (C) NICOSIA 2140

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ IS AGREEABLE TO SCHEDULING OUTLINED
IN PARA 1, REF (B). PRESENT PLAN IS FOR PARTY TO ARRIVE
AT LARNACA AT 1540 LOCAL SEPTEMBER 3 VIA CY 327 FROM
LONDON.

2. (A) FURTHER APPOINTMENTS: NIMETZ CONCURS IN YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS (PARA 2, REF (A)) FOR MEETINGS WITH
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GALINDO POHL AND WITH DENKTASH. ADDITIONALLY, NIMETZ
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TOUR OF VAROSHA. NIMETZ DOES NOT
DESIRE FORMAL SESSIONS WITH ANY THIRD COUNTRY AMBASSADOR
AT THIS TIME. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FORMAL APPOINTMENTS
WITH OREK AND ONAN WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL OR
NECESSARY. MOST IMPORTANTLY, NIMETZ WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE
A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE FOR POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP

MEETINGS AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC OFFICIALS AND PERHAPS WITH DENKTASH. (B) NIMETZ WOULD DEPART CYPRUS THURSDAY AT 4:05 FOR BUCHAREST VIA TEL AVIV.

3. INFORMING TURKS AND GREEKS: DEPARTMENT PLANS TO INFORM TURKISH AND GREEK EMBASSIES OF NIMETZ VISIT ON AUGUST 24. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSIES ANKARA AND ATHENS CONCURRENTLY INFORMING MFA. DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE INFORMING UK EMBASSY AND OTHER EUROPEAN EMBASSIES WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN U.S. THOUGHTS ABOUT NEXT STEPS FOR CYPRUS. AND USUN WILL INFORM THE SECRETARIAT.

4. POSSIBLE FURTHER EXPLORATION OF TURKISH POSITION: NIMETZ DOES NOT PLAN TO VISIT ANKARA DURING THIS CURRENT TRIP. TO DO SO WOULD NOT ONLY CONVEY WRONG SIGNAL TO TURKS, AS EMBASSY ANKARA POINTS OUT (ANKARA 6088); IT WOULD ALSO GIVE RISE TO EXPECTATIONS IN GREEK CYPRUS--IN PRESS AND PUBLIC IF NOT WITH GOC--THAT WE WOULD BE BEARING NEW TURKISH PROPOSALS FOR GOC CONSIDERATION. BESIDES, WE FEEL THAT ELEKDAG'S RECENT VISIT HAS BROUGHT US FULLY UP-TO-DATE ON GOT THINKING ON CYPRUS, AND THAT LITTLE NEW IS LIKELY TO EMERGE OVER THE NEXT TEN DAYS. IN RESPONDING TO ROLANDIS YOU MIGHT WANT TO REMIND HIM THAT ELEKDAG HAS JUST FINISHED TWO-WEEK VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THAT NIMETZ IS ACCORDINGLY FULLY AWARE OF LATEST TURKISH POSITIONS ON CYPRUS.

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5. PRESS GUIDANCE: OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO HOLD OFF MAKING ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT LEAKS MAY OCCUR AND THAT WE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE PLAN AS OF AUGUST 25 TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN WITH STANDBY GUIDANCE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR MATTHEW NIMETZ WILL VISIT CYPRUS DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS. THESE CONVERSATIONS WILL BE PURELY EXPLORATORY IN NATURE. THE COUNSELOR WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ON THE PROSPECTS FOR MOVING TOWARDS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, AND ON WAYS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS." (IF QUESTIONED FURTHER, SPOKESMAN WOULD SAY THAT THERE IS NO U.S. PLAN FOR CYPRUS AND THAT NIMETZ WOULD NOT BE ENGAGING IN MEDIATORY EFFORT, NOR WOULD HE BE GOING TO GREECE OR TURKEY.) SHOULD THIS GUIDANCE REMAIN UNUSED BY AUGUST 31 OR SEPTEMBER 1, WE WOULD ENVISAGE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN VOLUNTEERING STATEMENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES. SHOULD GOC DESIRE, WE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

IN NICOSIA AND WASHINGTON ON THE BASIS OF AN AGREED TEXT.
YOU MAY UTILIZE ABOVE DRAFT GUIDANCE IN ARRIVING AT SUCH
AN AGREED TEXT WITH GOC. CHRISTOPHER

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